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SUBJ: NOTICE OF GAO VISIT ON REVIEW OF FERTILIZER PRODUCTION AND
CONSUMPTION IN LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

FOR AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN FROM STAFFORD, MANAGER, BANGKOK OFFICE,
USGAO, SECSTATE FOR DIR OPERATIONS ANALYSIS AND GAO LIAISON
(BF-GAO) FEM-76-0-4

THE U.S. GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE IS UNDERTAKING A REVIEW OF
FERTILIZER PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION IN LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.
IN PERFORMANCE OF THIS REVIEW, OUR REPRESENTATIVES PLAN TO ARRIVE
IN MANILA ON JULY 28, 1975. WE ESTIMATE THAT WORK IN THE PHILIP-
PINES WILL TAKE APPROXIMATELY 5 WEEKS.

WORK WILL BE PERFORMED AT THE EMBASSY, THE U.S. AGENCY FOR INTER-
NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, AND POSSIBLY
OTHER LOCATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES. WE REQUEST THAT APPROPRIATE
AGENCY OFFICIALS BE INFORMED OF OUR PLANNED REVIEW. FOR YOUR
INFORMATION, THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, AGRICULTURE, AND TREASURY
AND THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WERE ADVISED OF THIS
REVIEW BY LETTERS DATED JUNE 23, 1975.

THE RESULTS OF THE REVIEW IN THE PHILIPPINES, TOGETHER WITH INFOR-
MATION OBTAINED FROM INDIA, BANGLADESH, PAKISTAN, INDONESIA AND
SELECTED UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR REPORTING
TO THE CONGRESS AND INTERESTED EXECUTIVE AGENCIES. THE PRIMARY
PURPOSE OF REVIEWING THE FERTILIZER SITUATION IS TO SUPPORT AND
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PROVIDE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF THE PROBLEMS, AND SUCCESSES EXPER-

IENCED BY SOME OF THE COUNTRIES WHICH ARE OR MAY BE MOST AFFECTED
BY A WORLDWIDE FOOD SHORTAGE.

IN THE FIVE COUNTRIES SELECTED FOR REVIEW, WE PLAN TO OBTAIN INFORMATION TO REPORT ON THE MAJOR FACTORS INFLUENCING FERTILIZER PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION. THE FACTORS INCLUDE (1) UTILIZATION OF EXISTING PRODUCTION CAPACITY, (2) PLANS FOR INCREASING PRODUCTION CAPACITY, (3) AVAILABILITY OF CAPITAL AND TECHNOLOGY TO BUILD AND OPERATE ADDITIONAL PRODUCTION CAPACITY, (4) VARIOUS INCENTIVES AND DISINCENTIVES AFFECTING THE USE OF FERTILIZER, (5) EFFECTIVENESS OF FOREIGN AID PROGRAMS INTENDED TO INCREASE FERTILIZER PRODUCTION, AND/OR USE, (6) UTILIZATION OF AID-FINANCED FERTILIZER, AND (7) THE ADEQUACY OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE TO PURCHASE THE COUNTRY'S FERTILIZER AND/OR FOOD IMPORT REQUIREMENTS IN THE FUTURE.

WORK ON THIS ASSIGNMENT WILL BE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF JAMES N. STAFFORD, MANAGER, BANGKOK OFFICE, AND WILL BE PERFORMED BY THE FOLLOWING GAO REPRESENTATIVES:

BONNELL, JAMES R., SUPERVISOR
PLAMONDON, RICHARD R.
RYDER, A. FREDERICK

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE PERSONNEL LISTED ABOVE HAVE BEEN GRANTED SECURITY CLEARANCE FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES FOR ACCESS TO SECURITY CLEARANCE FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES FOR ACCESS TO SECURITY INFORMATION CLASSIFIED UP TO AND INCLUDING TOP SECRET ON THE BASIS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 10450. THIS CERTIFICATION IS NOT TO BE HONORED UNLESS THE REPRESENTATIVES NAMED HEREIN PRESENT OFFICIAL U.S. GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE CREDENTIALS.

PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEM TO MEET WITH APPROPRIATE EMBASSY AND USAID OFFICIALS ON TUESDAY, JULY 29, TO START THE REVIEW. REQUEST HOTEL RESERVATIONS (3 SINGLES) AT THE FILIPINAS HOTEL AND TRANSPORTATION FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE HOTEL. WILL ADVISE FLIGHT NUMBERS AND ARRIVAL TIME AS SOON AS FIRM.
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